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Katherine Racer
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Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
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SUBJECT: Contingent Support Letter for Proposed Senior Affordable Housing
Property Name: Schoolhouse Apartments Rockland
Location: Rockland, MA

Dear Ms. Racer:

Please accept this letter of support from the Town of Rockland in reference to the above listed Senior Affordable Housing project to be developed by Connolly and Partners, LLC, a specialty affordable housing developer based in Braintree, MA. Connolly and Partners, LLC presented their project proposal at BOS meetings held on January 13, 2021 and August 10, 2021. Town management and others expected to be involved in the local review process were in attendance at each of the meetings. The Town is pleased that the developer has chosen to pursue the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program process to develop twenty-seven (27) affordable senior rental units, all units to be restricted in perpetuity. Accordingly, all units will qualify for inclusion on the Commonwealth's Subsidized Housing Inventory list.

It is the Town's understanding, consistent with the Developer's project presentation, that they have achieved site control through a Contract for Purchase with the property owner, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, and that the Developer will work cooperatively with local officials and management as they progress through the applicable review processes. Furthermore, the Town looks forward to hearing input from neighbors and the community as the Developer proceeds with additional public discussions regarding the proposed development.

The Town of Rockland is always receptive to hearing proposals from experienced developers for the creation of qualified affordable housing in our community. Please accept this letter of support for the proposed adaptive reuse of a historic school building to affordable senior

rental units to be restricted in perpetuity, consistent with the unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen on August 10, 2021.

At this time, and subject to completion of local required review processes, the Town of Rockland is pleased to offer its preliminary support.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to call me at 781-871-0154 x1100.

Sincerely,



Michael O'Loughlin
Chair, Board of Selectmen